

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for remotely arranging the transportation of baggage for passengers of a common carrier, the method comprising:
receiving travel information for a passenger via a communications network;
identifying passenger baggage to be transported; and
cross-utilizing employees of a remote property to obtain possession of the identified passenger baggage and manage transportation of the passenger baggage from the remote property to a common carrier origin identified in the received travel information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving travel information via a communications network comprises accessing a remote server from a kiosk.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising registering the passenger for the travel based on the received travel information.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein registering a passenger comprises providing a boarding pass for the passenger.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying passenger baggage to be transported comprises providing baggage identification labels including an identification bar code.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving travel information for a passenger via a communications network comprises accessing travel information from a server via an interface common to a plurality of common carriers.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein cross-utilizing employees of a remote property comprises performing remote common carrier check-in services as well as remote property services including bellhop, valet, or parking garage services.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein cross-utilizing employees of a remote property comprises performing remote common carrier check-in services as well as remote property services including concierge, check-out, security, or room service services.

9. A computer-based baggage transportation system comprising:
a server computer including travel information for a plurality of common carriers;
a client computer coupled via a network to the server computer, the client computer being configured to check in baggage and passengers from a property that is remote from a common carrier departure location; and
an attendant that is cross-utilized with the remote property, wherein the attendant performs remote common carrier check-in services as well as remote property services, wherein the attendant has met federal agency approval standards for common carrier check-in services.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the remote property is a hotel and the remote property services comprise bellhop, valet, or parking garage services.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the client computer is part of a kiosk.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the federal agency approval standards comprise Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or Transportation Security Agency (TSA) standards.

13. In a remote baggage and passenger check-in system, a method comprising:

- (a) obtaining passenger identification information for a passenger;
- (b) using the passenger identification information, retrieving travel information for the passenger from a server computer;
- (c) printing a boarding pass for the passenger based on the retrieved travel information;
- (d) printing a baggage identification label for passenger baggage at a property remote from a common carrier departure location;
- (e) transferring possession of the passenger baggage from the passenger to an attendant at the remote property, the attendant at the remote property having remote property responsibilities and baggage management responsibilities, the attendant being qualified to obtain possession of the passenger baggage;
- (f) securely transporting the passenger baggage from the remote property to the common carrier departure location; and
- (g) transferring possession of the passenger baggage to the common carrier.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein operations (a), (b), (c), and (d) are performed at a kiosk.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein retrieving travel information for the passenger from a server computer comprises accessing travel information using common use terminal equipment.

16. The method of claim 13, further comprising accessing a server to register a passenger and obtain a boarding pass.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the retrieved travel information includes information on an airline flight, wherein the airline flight is schedule to depart the common carrier departure location less than twelve hours from when the passenger transfers possession of the passenger baggage from the passenger to the attendant at the remote property.

18. The method of claim 13, further comprising presenting a user interface configured to provide access to common carrier information for a plurality of common carriers.

19. The method of claim 13, wherein the remote property responsibilities comprise bellhop, valet, or parking garage services.

20. The method of claim 13, wherein the remote property responsibilities comprise concierge, check-out, security, or room service services.